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SUBJECT: RCA REQUESTS ASSISTANCE IN OPENING DIRECT LAGOS-
NEW YORK MESSAGE TELEGRAPH CIRCUIT

1. RCA REPRESENTATIVE IN BEIRUT, MR S. I. AMMARI, APPROACHED EMBASSY A WEEK AGO WITH FOLLOWING PROBLEM: HE SAID THAT RCA, IT & T AND WUI ARE RECORD SERVICE CARRIERS OPERATING DIRECT NEW YORK - LAGOS SATELLITE CIRCUIT, BUT SINCE THIS CIRCUIT WAS OPENED TWO YEARS AGO IT HAS BEEN UTILIZED ONLY FOR TELEX TRAFFIC. MESSAGE TELEGRAMS CONTINUE TO BE ROUTED THROUGH LONDON, AT AN ANNUAL REVENUE LOSS FOR RCA OF AROUND \$250,000 PER YEAR. MR AMMARI REQUESTED THE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN OPENING DIRECT NEW YORK - LAGOS SATELLITE CIRCUIT FOR MESSAGE TELEGRAMS.

2. VICTOR HAFFNER, GENERAL MANAGER OF NET TOLD EMBASSY THAT DIPLOMATIC AGREEMENT ON DIRECT US - NIGERIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS INCLUDES ONLY VOICE AND TELEX SERVICES, AND THAT OPENING DIRECT MESSAGE TELEGRAPH SERVICE WOULD REQUIRE US REQUEST THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AND OFFICIAL POLICY DECISION BY FEDERAL MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, RATHER THAN NET. (EMBASSY FILES DO NOT CONTAIN AGREEMENT MENTIONED BY HAFFNER AND WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET COPY FROM NIGERIANS).

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE RE
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STATUS AND SCOPE OF PRESENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGREE-
MENTS WITH NIGERIA AND WHAT, IF ANYTHING, CAN BE DONE
TO ASSIST RCA.
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